

25 Nov ⁶⁶ Chan

1. Belief by "all" that: US put in Ky in first place
(at least, US military); US kept Ky in during struggle
(aided by Budd. "mistakes"); "US in complete control
of everything" (Thang to Chan); US wanted stability in
SVN, before ^{US} elections + ~~info~~ for military reasons
(tacit: but would not accept strong nationalist:
wrong); ^{US} could easily get rid of figures it
didn't want, or whole gov (means unspecified):
worst is not having a puppet gov, but the
indignity / insult / humiliation of being saddled
with the Ky Gov: they would much less a gov
of respected leaders — Minh, Suu,
(even Quat, Huong, before: not Don, Kim, Dong, though
these are relatively much more talented than
current offs, and are opposed only by current
office-holders) even if it were more a puppet.

2. GVN(US) has more to offer than Comms — development, welfare — but doesn't do it.

Ignores men of talent, leadership: once discarded, they & others stay aloof from GVN (Thanh): if in, they would attract others, & confound critics.

3. US not colonialist: yet many are drawing parallel between US and French in early days, 1860: e.g. giving power to their interpreters, liaison, etc., instead of respected figures.

4. PSDF essential for political reasons — given mil. sec. provided in area by other forces, and given understanding of motive by officials.

During war with Coms, we must imitate technique of compelling active involvement, not allowing neutrality — "but with different spirit, sincerity, not intending to exploit: e.g. really giving them something." We can appeal to youth — cf. success of Boy Scouts in NVN (Bun), but not by a trick.

[- If put in charge of pac, Westy will
run a tant sinking ship.

- Elections showed GVN can be run
effectively, if run from the top.

Experiment of working through or around
incompetent commander has failed.

Adequate commanders are available, despite
thinness of talent. (Replace Chind by
Am: better, Lien or Dong) (Hai by his XO).

Chair:

5. OSA could run RD teams without showing their control to teams or people: just to P.C. and RD Chief. Monitoring in field done by sub-sector advisors, and by Cadre Adv. as "visitor." (Cadre still regarded as "US").

6. They need real Planning Office (+ Budget, Inspection) with wide contacts

7. To get rid of Chink, Westy need only ask Ky: "Isn't there some other job for Chink? Don't you have anyone else?" And be critical of replacements: "Who else do you have?"

[Relate to "priority" area.]

8. Need for representative bodies at Div Corps level, like Prov Councils — and all levels — as longer-range answer to "people problem." Chair: would run as elected P.C.: wants to work with youth;